



PRE-USE INSPECTION GUIDE

Use this guide to learn what to look for before lifting equipment or rigging hardware enters service. This is a visual and functional check, not a retained periodic inspection record.

1 Identify the Equipment

- Confirm the identification tag or marking is present and legible.
- Verify the working load limit or rated capacity.
- Make sure the equipment is appropriate for the planned lift and environment.

2 Look for Physical Damage

- Check for cracks, bending, stretching, twisting or permanent deformation.
- Look for excessive wear, corrosion, gouges, cuts, burns or heat damage.
- Do not use altered equipment or components showing unauthorized repair or welding.

3 Check Connections

- Inspect hooks, latches, pins, links, eyes, fittings and attachment points.
- Confirm pins, bolts and fasteners are present, secure and correctly assembled.
- Check that connected components are compatible and properly seated.

4 Check the Operating Parts

- Inspect chain, wire rope, sling bodies, eyes, covers and terminations as applicable.
- Operate hoist controls and confirm brakes and mechanisms function correctly.
- For clamps, magnets and trolleys, check locks, contact surfaces, wheels and controls.

WHEN IN DOUBT, DO NOT USE IT

If damage, malfunction, missing identification or uncertainty is found, stop. Isolate the equipment and report it for assessment by a person qualified for the equipment.

IMPORTANT: VERIFY LOCAL REQUIREMENTS

This guide is general information only and does not replace manufacturer instructions, employer procedures, applicable standards, or laws and regulations in your jurisdiction. Before adopting it in a workplace, confirm all requirements with the responsible regulatory authority. Where another requirement is more stringent, follow it.